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Hillsdale College's Kirby Center Hosts Panel Discussion On Hollywood And American Culture *Experts to examine impact of popular culture on American thought and leadership*

On Thursday, July 26, Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship will host a panel discussion titled "**Hollywood and the New Aristocracy**," featuring University of Virginia professor Paul A. Cantor, District Media Group founder and president Beverly Hallberg and Editorial Features Editor of *The Wall Street Journal* James Taranto. The discussion will explore the impact of Hollywood on broader American culture and politics.

The event is free and open to the media, but space is limited and attendees are encouraged to [register by visiting the event's ticketing site here](#).

WHEN: Thursday, July 26, 2018
6 p.m. EDT – Doors Open
6:30 p.m. EDT – Panel // Reception to follow

WHERE: **Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship**
227 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

WHO: **Paul Cantor** is the Clifton Waller Barrett Professor of English at the University of Virginia. He is the author of "The Invisible Hand in Popular Culture: Liberty vs. Authority in American Film and TV" in addition to several other books. He earned his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Beverly Hallberg is founder and president of District Media Group where she trains government representatives, policy experts, business leaders and others for media appearances. She is also a contributor at *Daily Signal*, *The Washington Examiner* and *The Hill*, a frequent guest on *Fox News* and *CNN* and co-host of the "Filler Words" podcast.

James Taranto is the editorial features editor at *The Wall Street Journal* and co-editor of "Presidential Leadership: Rating the Best and the Worst in the White House." He has served on *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial board since 2007, and wrote *WSJ.com's* "Best of the Web" blog from 2000 to 2017.

About the Kirby Center

The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship is an extension of the teaching mission of Hillsdale College to Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to teach the Constitution and the principles that give it meaning. Through the study of original source documents from American history—and of older books that formed the education of America's founders—the Center seeks to inspire students,

teachers, citizens, and policymakers to return the Constitution to its central place in the political life of the nation.

About Hillsdale College

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